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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS			
	Cents	Dollars	
96° Centrifugal N. Y.	per lb	per ton	
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.71	\$114.20	
Last previous quotation	5.77	\$115.40	

RUSSIAN BEAR CLAWING WAY WEST AGAINST TEUTON FOES

Fierce Battling Reported From the Lake Narocz District Where Slavs Claim To Hold Three Lines of Teutonic Trenches

CZAR LAUNCHES FRESH OFFENSIVE NEAR RIGA

Verdun Fighting Dies Down Save For Artillery Bombardment Believed To Be Preparation For Another Assault By Germans

LONDON, March 24.—The Russian drive is on again in earnest, despite the claims made by the German war office. Petrograd last night officially announced that the troops on the Lake Narocz front have captured more than one thousand unwounded Teutonic prisoners, and have cleared the first three lines of trenches of the foe. Dozens of machine guns were captured by the Slavs, the despatch continues, giving other details of the biggest fight on the eastern front since the Russian reverse of last May.

Leaves of Little Value

In the north too the hosts of the White Czar are said to have been victorious, although here Berlin claims to have withstood the attacks launched at the German base. The battling south of Riga, which is fast developing into one of the fiercest struggles of the war, is still awaying back and forth, with the Russians driving a little ahead with each swing of the pendulum of battle.

The Russian offensives in the Riga district, in the Lake Narocz district and still farther south near Chernowitz, which they have recaptured, is taken here as a complete answer to the claims made last summer that the Slav armies have been crushed by the reverses they suffered last spring. Military experts here say that aside from the military value and strategic importance of the Russian thrusts at the German and Austrian lines, the main value of these moves has been to convince Germany and her allies that Russia is not crushed.

Slav Troops Ready

Reports from neutral observers with the Slav column declare that the soldiers of the Czar are even better prepared for the fighting that is to come than they were at the outbreak of the war. Guns and munitions have been going forward to the various fronts on which the Slav armies are operating by the railroad for months, and it is now asserted that none of the nations with whom she has to fight is better equipped than is Russia.

Lull In Battle

On the western front there was another lull in the battle around Verdun. That is there was no infantry attacks worth recording, according to the Paris official statement issued last night. North and west of that sector, in the portion of the line held by the British troops, the Teutons attempted to launch an offensive which was checked by the British fire. The British counter-attack proved more successful and slight gains are reported from the districts north of the Somme.

Great Guns Busy

The Germans under the Crown Prince are again fiercely bombarding the French lines at Bethuneourt and the fort at Le Homme Mort. Army officers in Paris say that this is an indication that the Crown Prince is planning another assault with masses of men, as soon as the artillery preparation has been completed.

Practically all of the recent German gains at Verdun have been made by the use of liquid fire, squirted from a spraying machine, and which sears and burns the flesh of the opposing troops. The military committee, of the chamber of deputies, meeting in Paris last night after a discussion of the new "frightfulness weapon" that is being used by the Teuton commanders, recommended the use of the same device. Methods of protection and retaliation are being planned.

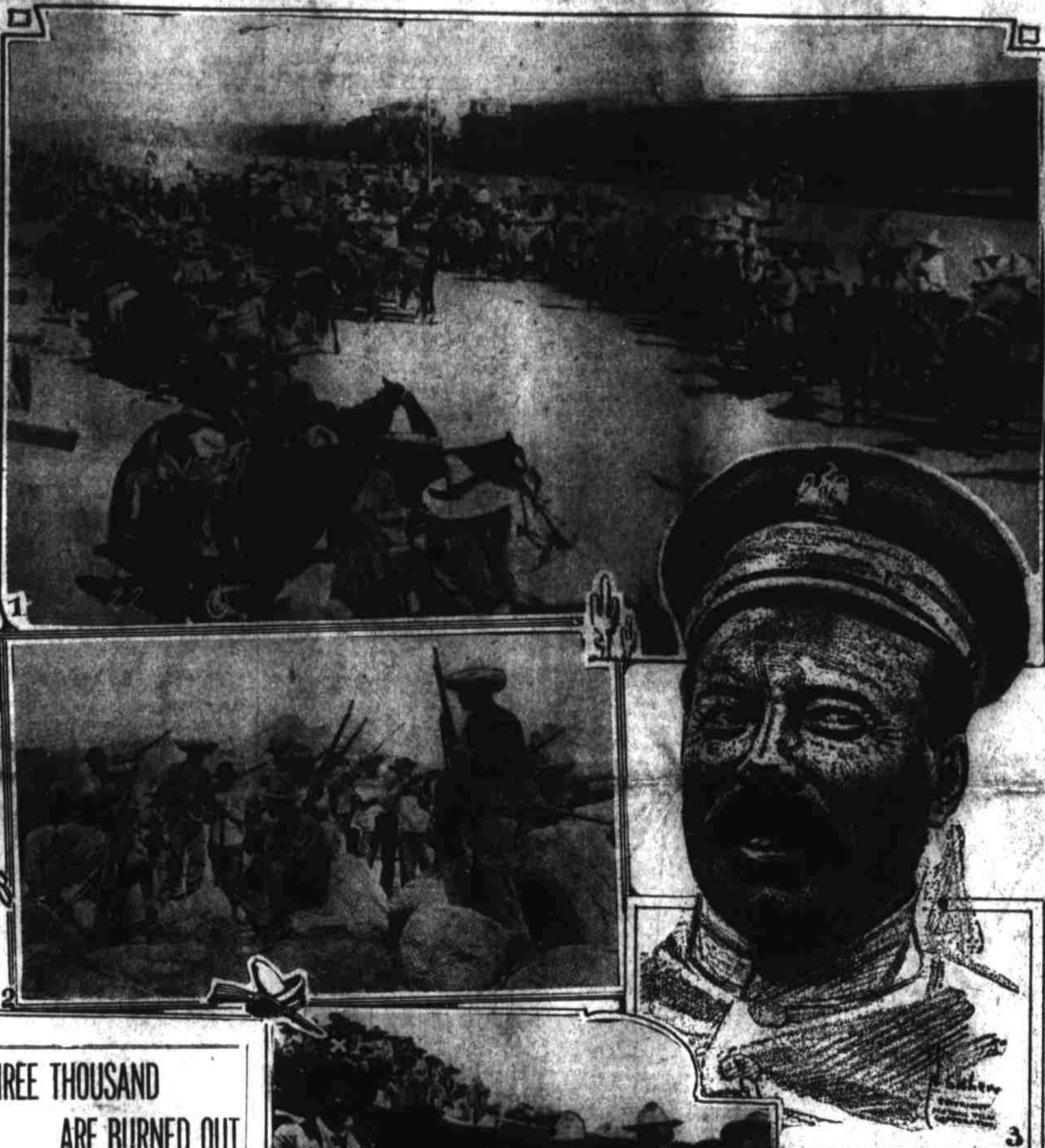
Berlin Optimistic

Berlin reports of the fighting at Verdun declare that Germany has definite hope of conquering the stubborn French fortress and paying the way for a drive on Paris and early termination of the war.

The military authorities say that the pauses in the offensive on the Verdun front are part of the scheme of operations to reduce this stronghold. Officers assert that the operations are intended to lead to the capture of Verdun at an early date.

Villa Is Reported To Be Surrounded

MEXICAN Troops (1) of Chihuahua, Who Are Cooperating With General Pershing To Destroy Villa and His Bandits. (2) Typical of Pancho's Followers, and (3) Outlaw General Villa. General Carranza (4) and His Leaders, Man Indicated By X Being General Herrera, Reported To Have Joined Villa Against Americans But Concerning Which There Are Doubts



THREE THOUSAND ARE BURNED OUT

Augusta's Loss Believed To Total At Least Five Million Dollars

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AUGUSTA, Georgia, March 23.—Three thousand persons have been made homeless and ten business blocks and 20 residence blocks destroyed in the fire which swept the city last night. One of the largest office buildings on "Cotton Row" in the business center was burned. The loss will reach at least \$5,000,000. The militia has been called out for relief work and to prevent looting.

FLAMES KILL ONE PERSON

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, March 23.—As a result of the fire which burned a path through East Nashville yesterday one person is dead and 600 homes have been burned. The loss has reached \$1,500,000. The militia has been called out to assist in relief measures for the homeless.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY ENEMY SUBMARINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—The American consul at Havre has wired to the state department that a submarine attacked and sank the British steamer Kelvin Bank in the open roads of Havre. There were no Americans on board the ship when she sank, adds the despatch. One person lost his life when the steamer went down.

AVIATION CHIEF FALLS DOWN FLIGHTS OF STAIRS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Col. Samuel Reber, chief of the army aviation corps, fell down three flights of stairs in his home today and was badly bruised. He is in the hospital.

SENSATIONAL MURDERS INVOLVE TENNIS PLAYER

DENTIST SAID TO BE 'DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE'

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 24.—What promises to develop into one of the most sensational murder cases of recent years began last night with the arrest here of Arthur Waite, a dentist and a well known tennis player, on suspicion of having poisoned his father and mother-in-law, who died while visiting the home of Waite. The dead man was John Peck, a multimillionaire druggist of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

SAYS MINE SANK DUTCH STEAMER OFF FLANDERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, March 23.—Richard Schulz, German consul at Stuttgart, a naturalized American, said today that the Tubantia was sunk by striking a floating mine, according to a despatch through the Overseas Agency.

HARRISON GRAY OTIS ILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, veteran publisher of the Los Angeles Times, is seriously ill of "low grade" pneumonia.

BIG STEEL OIL TANKER WILL TRADE IN PACIFIC

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—An announcement was made last night that a big steel oil tanker, being constructed at a cost of \$1,250,000 for the Hautesse Petroleum Company at an Oakland yard, is to be used in the Pacific trade.

FIERCE STORM ON COAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Storm warnings have been put up. Hall and a 48-mile an hour wind are reported at San Pedro.

RUSSIAN LOSS TWO AND HALF MILLION

Slav Journalist Tells of Secret Lists At Petrograd

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, March 24.—The losses of Russia in the fighting against the Germans, Austrians and Turks during the year 1915 totaled in killed, wounded and missing 2,542,639, according to a statement made here by a recently arrived Jewish newspaperman of Petrograd. No statement of losses has been officially made public in Russia, he says, but through his newspaper he had been able to secure secretly copies of the officially printed lists of casualties, which gave totals but no names.

COUNT WIDOWS BY THOUSAND

LONDON, March 24.—According to figures made public yesterday by the British army council 41,590 soldiers' widows have been reported up to date. Eight thousand widows of sailors killed in the war have been listed.

TWO GERMAN STEAMERS CONDEMNED AS PRIZES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, March 23.—The Hamburg American steamers Kronprinzessin Cecilie and Prince Adalbert have been condemned as prizes. These steamers, which were lying at Falmouth, England, at the outbreak of the war, were seized by the British. The Kronprinzessin Cecilie is a different steamer from the one which was carrying a treasure cargo to Europe when the war broke out and turned and fled into Bar Harbor, Maine.

CARRANZISTA OFFICIAL IN EL PASO SO ADVISED BY CHIHUAHUA GENERAL

Telegram Also Announces That American And Mexican Troops Face Imminent Battle With Outlaw Leader Near Namiquipa, Although Pershing Still Remains Silent

WAR DEPARTMENT IN DARK

(ASSOCIATED PRESS BY FEDERAL WIRELESS.)
WASHINGTON, March 23.—"Villa surrounded. Decisive battle imminent."

This despatch transmitted from El Paso, although unverified, reached the state department last night. It was based upon a telegram received from General Bertani, a Carranzista commander in Chihuahua, and sent to the Carranza consul at El Paso, Señor Garcia. Further details announced that the wily bandit chief has been trapped by forces of Americans and Mexicans under General Pershing and Carranza leaders, at a little town, given as Eloso; not far from Namiquipa.

Villistas Are Reported As Routed

Earlier in the day General Gavira, the Carranza commander at Juarez, announced that he had received telegraphic despatches to the effect that Villa and a band of his men had been attacked and badly defeated by a Carranzista column near Namiquipa. Several of the Villistas are said to have been killed and the bandits compelled to run, leaving behind them more than one hundred stolen horses.

The conflicting reports as to the action of General Herrera, commander of the Carranza forces at Chihuahua, have been taken in official circles here to be equivalent to a denial of the statement that Herrera has joined the Villistas.

Herrera Telegraphs He Is Loyal

Despatches from El Paso assert that General Herrera himself has contradicted the statement, and has wired to Consul Garcia, in the Texas city, saying that "I intend to remain true to my oath. The report that I have abandoned the constitutional cause is a lie. On the contrary I am determined to fight Villa as energetically as possible, wherever I can find him."

In spite of this statement Gen. Franklin Bell, the American commander at El Paso, has telegraphed to General Funston declaring that he has positive assurances that Herrera intends to cast his lot with Villa against the Constitutionalists, and will oppose the American invasion of Mexico with his entire force, of more than two thousand men.

Washington After Reliable Information

One result of these contradictory reports, which have caused Funston a great deal of worry and, to quote one of his telegrams to the war department, "have puzzled me not a little," has been that the war and state departments are bending every effort now to obtain reliable information as to what is going on south of the border line of Mexico.

General Bell fails to say upon what he bases his information that Herrera intends fighting with Villa against the Americans, but it is thought possible that the statement made by Garcia Flores, a Spaniard of Chihuahua, who reached El Paso last night, may prove to be the foundation for the whole Herrera story. Flores says that shortly before reaching Namiquipa, on his way north from Chihuahua, the other day, his train was stopped by a band of Villa troops with Villa himself at their head.

Villa Hunts Americans To Kill

Accompanied by a number of his men, Villa is said to have marched through the entire length of the train, "looking for Americans to kill," declares Flores. The bandit leader is said to have insisted that he intends no harm to any Mexican, but that all Americans must die if he gets his hands upon them.

After searching the train Villa and his men are said by Flores to have taken what they needed from the train and, without molesting any of the passengers, allowed the coaches to proceed. The scene of this holdup was Mochizuma, eighty-five miles north of Namiquipa. Just before the train started again Villa, in a loud voice, is declared to have announced that "General Herrera is with me against the gringo." This caused much talk among the passengers, says Flores.

General Pershing Still Is Silent

This is the fourth day since General Funston or the war department has received a message from General Pershing, and word has been sent to the officer commanding the American troops in the field to send in formal and complete reports with greater regularity. All developments are to be reported as speedily as possible, say the departmental orders.

This does not mean that the censorship which has been established is to be relaxed for the time being, but that the headquarters of the border forces at San Antonio, and the war department, itself, are without much needed information. No reason is officially given for the apparent failure of General Pershing to report.

Additional means of communication will be sent to General Pershing, it is said, and possibly more aeroplanes will be added to those now with his column.

War Secretary Wants Large Sum

The cost of the expedition after Villa was hinted at yesterday when the war department, through Secretary Baker, asked congress for \$3,800,000 to cover "extraordinary expenditures" for the invasion of Mexico, including the steps for increasing the army to its full strength.

The search for Lieutenant Correll, the missing aviator, has proved successful. The airman was found by a motor truck, under the command of Lieutenant Parkinson of the Twentieth Infantry, uninjured, three miles south of Ascension. He had lost his way and been forced to come to earth for lack of gasoline. He was unhurt.